

Counselor Workshop

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The Colorado Council on Higher Education Counselor Workshop occurs six times every year at six different Colorado universities. On Thursday, September 20th, the CSM Admissions Office hosted approximately 260 high school college counselors and college admissions representatives for this event. The Colorado Council on Higher Education (CCHE), which includes all Colorado public and private four-year schools, as well as community colleges and other two-year institutions, puts on these events every year as a collaborative effort to help improve relations between high school and college admissions counselors.

The event began at 7:30 AM and lasted until 3:00 PM. It included a welcome address from Director of Admissions Bruce Goetz and President Dr. Bill Scoggins. Other key events in the day included updates on the CCHE colleges, a college fair, and information sessions on a broad range of topics relating to college admissions and counseling.

These information sessions were meant to appeal to both college admissions representatives and high school counselors and included important information which could be handed down to college-seeking high school students, as well as helping admission representatives better understand the students whose applications they receive.

One of the sessions, said CSM Assistant Director for Admissions Sarah Andrews, provided a "chance for high school counselors to voice concerns about students transitioning to college" to Colorado Governor Ritter's P-20 Education Coordination Council. Another, called Usable Resource Information, was designed specifically for new counselors or college admissions staff, and included information on resources available for them as well as including introductions to topics that they would be regularly dealing with, such as financial aid.

Andrews said the workshop was a good opportunity to bring people to campus – they were exposed to the new Student Recreation Center and the new Humanitarian Engineering Minor. Attendees were "impressed with Mines, and Mines represented itself well," she said. However, she also stressed that the event was primarily an opportunity for college and high school counselors to meet with each other and for the counselors to find out about advancements at all the CCHE colleges.

Gathering Storm at Mines

Former Lockheed-Martin CEO Speaks Up

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Norman Augustine, former CEO of Lockheed-Martin and member of the "Gathering Storm" committee, spoke last Thursday in the second lecture of the Erickson Distinguished Lecture series. His lecture focused on the future success of Americans in science and technology, with a focus on the education necessary to make the U.S. competitive.

Augustine discussed four growing problems in science and engineering education: the rising cost of higher education, the lack of engineering classes during the first two years of an engineering degree, the inability to condense material into a four-year degree, and the intense specialization of the different disciplines.

"The master's degree has got to become the basic degree of our profession. I realize there

are a lot of problems with that, but I think it's just not possible to cover what an engineer needs to know in a 4 year undergraduate program," said Augustine.

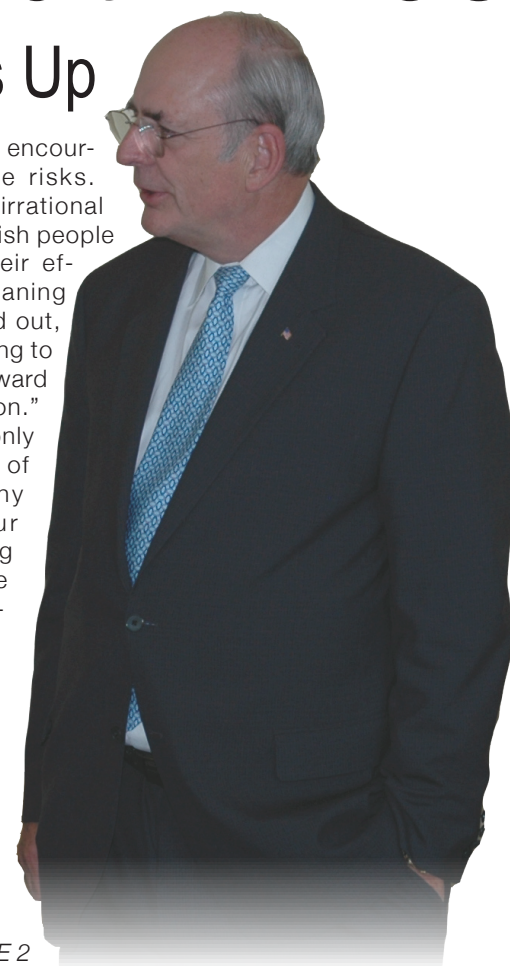
He stressed the idea that basic engineering knowledge is not enough to be successful in the future. "Engineers who can only do the traditional kind of engineering are becoming a commodity in the world marketplace. Those jobs are going to disappear from America. People could do it for less money and do it equally well. It will be the engineer that's creative and innovative and imaginative and, as Jeff Wells says, can see around corners," said Augustine.

"How do you teach innovation? How do you teach imagination? Creativity? I think there are a lot of rules of thumb that one can teach, but the best one is through experience, in laboratories and jobs and so on," he continued. "There are

certain rules – you encourage people to take risks. Prudent risks, not irrational risks. You don't punish people for failure when their efforts were well meaning and properly carried out, because you are going to have failures. You reward people for innovation."

Education isn't only to blame for a lack of creativity. "In many cases, I think our country is making it very hard for the entrepreneur, the inventor, the creator, because if things go badly they get excoriated in the newspaper, they get sued in the courts, and so on down the line," Augustine explained.

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Protests Evoke Memories

Thousands Rally in Louisiana to Protest the Controversy

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It had many of the signs of the early civil rights protests – militant slogans, upraised clenched fists and multitudes of police – but none of the hate and fear-drenched campaigns in Selma, Little Rock and Montgomery.

Thousands of protesters descended on this tiny central Louisiana town Thursday, rallying against what they see as a double standard of justice for blacks and whites.

But unlike the protests that became landmarks for civil rights when fire hoses and police dogs greeted demonstrators, the rally to support six black teenagers charged in a school fight had a festive yet laid-back air.

"It was a great day," said Denise Broussard of Lafayette. "I really felt a sense of purpose and commitment, but it was also a lot of fun. I met great people and made some good friends."

The march for the so-called Jena Six, a group of black teens initially charged with attempted murder in the beating of a white classmate, was one of the biggest civil rights demonstrations in years.

Hours later, police in nearby Alexandria said they arrested two whites after officers noticed a

pair of nooses dangling from the rear of the driver's pickup truck.

The driver, identified as 18-year-old Jeremiah Munsen of Colfax, was charged with inciting a riot, driving while intoxicated and contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile, authorities said. A city attorney will decide whether charges against the 16-year-old passenger from Dry Prong are warranted, said Alexandria Police Sgt. Clifford Gatlin.

"I wish we had a charge in Louisiana for aggravated ignorance, because this is a classic case," Gatlin said.

In Jena on Friday, the state district court scheduled a session to decide whether a judge who has been hearing the case of Mychal Bell, one of the six youths, should be made to step aside from a bond hearing.

Bell, now 17, is the only one of the six black defendants to be tried. He was convicted of aggravated second-degree battery, but his conviction was tossed out last week by a state appeals court that said Bell could not be tried as an adult on that charge.

Bell had been arrested on juvenile charges including battery and criminal damage to property, and was on probation at the time the white student, Justin Barker, was beaten. He remained in jail pending an appeal by pros-

ecutors. An appellate court on Thursday ordered a hearing to be held within three days on his request for release. The other defendants are free on bond.

The case dates to August 2006, when a black Jena High School student asked the principal whether blacks could sit under a shade tree that was a frequent gathering place for whites. He was told yes. But nooses appeared in the tree the next day. Three white students were suspended but not criminally prosecuted. LaSalle Parish District Attorney Reed Walters said this week he could find no state law covering the act.

The incident was followed by fights between blacks and whites, and in December a white student, was knocked unconscious on school grounds. According to court testimony, his face was swollen and bloodied, but he was able to attend a school function that night.

Six black teens were arrested. Five were originally charged with attempted second-degree murder – charges that have since been reduced for four of them. The sixth was booked as a juvenile on sealed charges.

On Thursday, old-guard lions like the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton joined scores of college students bused in

from across the nation who said they wanted to make a stand for racial equality just as their parents did in the 1950s and '60s.

But while those early protesters dodged police batons and were insulted by the white population, demonstrators on Thursday petted police horses, chatted with officers and posed by the Jena Police Department sign.

"It was a big event for us," said Donna Clark, who traveled from Atlanta with her husband and four young daughters. "We got matching T-shirts and drove all night. It's exciting and I think the girls can say later they were part of history."

People began gathering before dawn; state police put attendance between 15,000 and 20,000, though organizers said the crowd was much larger.

Law enforcement officials said the biggest problem was the heat.

"It's been a very peaceful and happy crowd," said Sgt. Julie Lewis of the Louisiana State Police. "Really these are very, very nice people. They are welcome in Louisiana any time."

The only strident note came at the end of the rally when a group of Black Panthers took the microphone and led the crowd in chants.

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World News in Brief

UNITED STATES - Two Delaware State university students were shot Friday morning and are being treated at local hospitals. The campus was closed down for a day, and students were told to remain in the dorms or at home. Police report that the shooter was probably a student at the university.

IRAN- Iranian officials announced last Wednesday that they had created plans to bomb Israel in the event that Israel was to attack Iran first. The Iranian government also denied the claims that it was attempting to create nuclear weapons, and insisted that the country was interested in developing a nuclear power program.

BRAZIL- During a trip to Brazil, Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez announced that although Cuban leader Fidel Castro has been ailing, he has regained his health and could lead Cuba and live for "another hundred years." Castro has been the dictator of Cuba for several decades, and has turned the control of the country over to his brother until further notice.

ALGERIA- A group connecting itself with al-Qaeda claimed responsibility for a bomb explosion last week that injured nine foreign workers and their police escorts. French officials declared that they intend to take terrorist threats very seriously, and will increase securities to keep traveling Europeans safe.

CHINA- In an effort to reduce city smog by the 2008 Olympic Games, the Chinese government declared that Saturday was the first of many "no car days," where citizens were encouraged to ride bicycles or walk to work. The declaration proved to be unsuccessful, as the flow of traffic around cities seemed to be as high volume as it would be on a normal day.

Lecture

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At the end of the lecture, Dr. Bill Scoggins, CSM President, presented Augustine with the Erickson Distinguished Lecturer Award and announced that Augustine donated the honorarium to the Guy T. McBride Honors Program Washington, D.C. Internship Fund. It will be used to support a McBride student during an internship in Washington, D.C.

During a question and answer session following the lecture, graduate student Joseph Dahdah asked about the financial difficulties of earning an advanced degree in science and engineering fields. Augustine replied that this was a topic the National Academies were trying to address, especially through a proposed doubling of the research budget.

"The main problem is the economic reality of our country doesn't reflect any of this. There is no financial reward for teachers... and money isn't the only motivation, but it is a strong one," said Dahdah during the reception.

"They complain that women aren't in science, but where are the incentives? There is no health care for families of students. Why should we stay in school when we can be out there making money for health insurance?" added Cary Allen, a graduate student in Physics.

Many attendees agreed that education for science and engineering is an important topic.

"It was a talk about an urgent topic. It was one I thought we all needed to hear. I was especially concerned about the education part. I teach not just for McBride, but I also teach a course in foreign policy and I'm concerned about holding the attention of students so they can succeed in their studies. Norman Augustine has done a great service by sounding the wake-up call for these issues," said Dr. Abeyta.

"It's a topic that's very important to me. As an engineer, I've noticed that a lot of people don't realize what we do or appreciate it. You can see the attitude of people towards science by statistics that show interest in science is declining," said Justin Hayes, a Petroleum Engineering student.

When asked how he came to be a proponent for science and engineering education, Augustine explained that he was thinking of the world his grandchildren will have to live in.

Furthermore, "I've discovered, sort of by accident, that it's easier to have an impact in this issue, given my background, than it is in national security or energy or homeland security, because I spent my career working in those latter fields and it makes you a little suspect, whereas if you're interested in education and science and K through 12 and things like that, it's pretty clear I have no stake in this other than that I genuinely care," said Augustine.

"Whereas if I come in and talk about national security or something, people think, 'Oh, he spent his life in that - he's got a stake in it - he owns stock in the company' and so on," he added. "Ironically, and you may have seen a book called Augustine's Laws, I guess there's a law - the better qualified you are to speak on a topic, the less credibility you have. The less qualified you are, the more credibility you have. That's troublesome, isn't it?" he said, laughing.

The "Gathering Storm" committee met in 2005 and, in just ten weeks, generated the 150-page report that would give the committee its informal name. The committee was assembled by the National Academy of Science, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine to address the future competitiveness of the U.S. in technical fields.

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"We're nonviolent when people are nonviolent with us," one speaker said. "We're not nonviolent with people that are violent with us."

Jena residents, resentful of the massive protest in their little town and the racist label stamped upon them, were scarce during the demonstrations. Businesses closed, and so did the library, schools, city offices and the courthouse.

"I don't mind them demonstrating," said resident Ricky Coleman, 46, who is white. "I believe in people standing up for what they think is right. But this isn't a racist town. It's a small place and we all get along."

In Washington, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee said he would hold hearings on the case, though he did not set a date or say if the prosecutor would be called to testify.

Walters, the district attorney, has usually declined to discuss the case publicly. But on the eve of the demonstrations, he denied the charges against the teens were race-related and lamented that Barker, the victim of the beating, has been reduced to "a footnote" while protesters generate sympathy for his alleged attackers.

President Bush said he understood the emotions and the FBI was monitoring the situation.

"The events in Louisiana have saddened me," the president told reporters at the White House. "All of us in America want there to be, you know, fairness when it comes to justice."

Lead Paint in Chinese Toys

Mattel Issues Recall, Formal Apology to Consumers

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Over the course of the last year, numerous recalls have been issued for items imported from China, including contaminated bath products, seafood with banned antibiotics, and other household products. Most notably, American toy company Mattel has recalled millions of Chinese manufactured toys found to contain unsafe levels of lead paint.

In order to protect consumers, a United States congressional committee was called earlier this month, and legislation was put into place to label any lead-contaminated product as a hazardous substance.

Lead has been found to cause exhaustion and flu-like symptoms in children. In severe cases, when victims are exposed to large amounts of lead, learning disabilities and death can result. Children are especially susceptible to lead poisoning due to their smaller size.

Cases of lead poisoning have become much rarer over the past few decades, since the substance was found to be dangerous. Medical officials reported that they were astonished after seeing the figures on the lead content of these modern toys.

This most recent recall included 1.5 million toys

based on the much loved children's television characters from "Sesame Street," "Dora the Explorer" and also Barbie dolls. These toys were tested to contain an amount of lead paint equal to roughly 200 times legal levels. In fact, the paint on these toys were found to be an unacceptable 11 percent lead, or 110,000 parts per million. Legal levels of lead content in paint are only .06 percent, or 600 parts per million.

Considering that roughly 80% of the toy products on American market shelves are manufactured in China, Americans are becoming increasingly concerned with the quality of foreign goods. A national telephone survey conducted by Reuters recently showed that 35% of American consumers are "very worried" about the safety of Chinese imported products.

Executives from Mattel have since apologized to both the consumers and the Chinese people for the recalls. As vice president of worldwide operations Thomas DeBrowski announced last week, "Our reputation has been damaged... Mattel takes full responsibility for these recalls and apologizes personally to you, the Chinese people and all of our customers who received the toys."

Luckily, no children have become sick from the lead paint in Mattel toys, but parents have been encouraged to check the

product codes of their children's toys with the recall list on the Mattel website. Any toys that are found to be on the recall list should be returned to the store they were purchased at for a replacement or for a voucher. In fact, many retail stores such as Target and Toys 'R' Us have taken the initiative to inform customers about potentially dangerous toys and aid in the recall efforts.

Customers can also directly contact Mattel with concerns and questions.

Over the following months, Chinese and American officials have scheduled a number of meetings in order to discuss safety policies for Chinese-made products, and insure that consumers will be able to purchase safe imported goods in the future.

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The Truth About Road Rage

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When the topic of “Road Rage” is brought up, people generally laugh. They assume it’s something exaggerated by the news, just like everything else. Road rage is real. The statistics are real. People dying from other people not thinking, this is road rage. My life is real and after you know what I lived through, you will be a firm believer in “Road Rage.”

As a child I grew up in the suburbs of Houston, Texas. If anyone knows anything about Houston, they may know it is not the best place in the world to live, especially as a kid. However, my life was a normal child’s life. I lived with my father, an Iranian immigrant, and my mother, a North Carolinian. I also lived with my older brother, who grew up enjoying life with me, and he was beside me on the worst night of my life.

It was the holiday season and we had been out shopping. It was nighttime as Dad started the drive home, my brother and I sitting in the back seat of an old Nissan Sentra. My father passed a car on the right and everything seemed normal. Nothing was normal.

The car began to speed up, and then passed us. My dad, who has a temper himself, got angry and sped up. We were starting to pass the car and were alongside but the driver would not let us in front of him. My dad floored it and we passed the car. After he had passed the other car, my dad pulled over. The car pulled over behind us. My dad got out of our car and walked towards the strange man’s car. My brother and I looked out the back window. Rain started falling from the sky,

and it was pitch black. The lights on the car made the only clear image of my dad and the man, just two silhouettes in the night.

Once my dad returned, he said he talked to the man and everything was going to be okay now. We started driving again. I watched out the rear window as the headlights of the car behind appeared closer and closer. Soon I was blinded, he was so close. Then he pulled to our right. He started swinging his car, trying to ram us into the curb. My mom was hysterical, she couldn’t understand what was going on. What could we have done to make this man hate our family so that now he was trying to kill us all? My brother and I sat silent in the back. My dad pulled in front again, and pulled over.

Again, the car pulled over behind us. My dad went to the man’s car, once again, they were silhouettes. My father is very fluent in Judo, which is an art of mastering the pressure points of the enemy. This is why when I looked out the window I could see my dad’s black shadow choking the man. He was trying to make him pass out, so we could get away.

My father returned to the car, apparently he hadn’t succeeded and the other silhouette was still conscious. We started off again. The same thing happened. The car was trying to knock us off the road. He wasn’t going to let us go home tonight, I knew that for sure. So one last time my dad pulled over, and so did the mysterious man. I watched as one last time my dad’s shadow glided across the pavement. I watched past the huge drops of rain hitting the glass; I watched through the Hell of night.

This time it was fast. My father was back in the car. He was holding

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Geek of the Week

...Ben Weilert, Senior: Mechanical Engineering

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[Oredigger] When did you first realize you were a geek?

[Weilert] Probably when I was 5 years old, I was already starting to draw robots.

What makes you a geek?

Wow, everything. From witty comments and puns, to analyzing just about everything: thinking, how can I make this better? Everyday I’m a geek. I made it a project to watch the Top 100 movies according to the American Film Institute, movies like *Gone with the Wind* and *Lawrence of Arabia*. I memorize lyrics to songs about math and chemistry and lip sync them. I bought a lab coat just for the hell of it. I mean, I didn’t need it for any class, I just bought it.

So do you wear the coat everywhere? [Weilert wore the coat during the interview.]

Pretty much, I mean it’s not



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Ben Weilert is known for his amusing YouTube videos.

attracts to your fingers. I actually burnt myself on that thing.

Windows or Mac?

Definitely Windows, I think Mac is kind of stuck up.

What do you do outside of school work?

More or less I lip sync to nerdy songs and put them on YouTube. I’m in the Anime club and I do the Mines Little Theatre.

How many decimals of pi do you know?

Actually now, not many. But I used to know it to 500 [he swore to this]. In Junior High, there was this pi contest and some guy beat me getting to 100, so I thought I could do better than that. I had this sheet covered in all the decimals of pi, and I would constantly just glance at it. That’s how I memorized it up to 500.

Who is your role model?

My dad mainly. I’m here because of him, I grew up with engineering around me. Also, I would have to say Bill Nye, I just found out he had a degree in mechanical engineering.

Do you own any 20-sided die?

No, and I try to stay away from people who do. I’m not a Dungeons and Dragons fan. However, I do keep four, six-sided dice in my pocket all the time. You never know when you’re going to have to throw them on the table for Yahtzee.

What do you want to do after you graduate?

I want to work in the Aerospace industry. Not for NASA, but the people who supply NASA.

To check out Ben Weilert, go to Youtube.com and type in “New Math.” Trust me, his videos are hilarious.

Did Anyone Watch the Emmys?

The Emmy Awards Win the “Most Actors on a Set at One Time with a Small Audience... and Getting Smaller” Award

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So did everyone tune in to the Emmys Sunday night? It turns out many people didn’t. In just two years, Emmy viewership has dropped a dramatic 30 percent. This year alone it dropped by nearly 20 percent. So why isn’t anyone watching the Emmys like they used to?

It could be because of Sunday Night Football. This year was the first year that the Emmy Awards were scheduled at the same time as football in some time zones. Or it could be due to the increasing profanity on the set. The mute button saved a few actors this year, but it turns out even video

of sore losers had to be cut out.

However, some feel viewers have stopped wasting time watching the actual show when they can check the news the next day, or five minutes after the show has aired, for all the highlights.

Now for the recap. Everyone always wants to know who was “Worst Dressed,” and this year Hayden Panettiere, of *Heroes*, stole the trophy with her large, coral Marc Bouwer dress. So who was the lovely lady who got best dressed? According to some it was Ali Larter, also from *Heroes*, with her bandeau top, slim-fitting red dress. Many, however, say it was Grey’s Anatomy star Katherine Heigl with her simple white

dress. There were many other nominees, each lady looking stunning, but beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

And who were the real winners of the night? Outstanding Lead Actor

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in a movie went to Robert Duvall for his lead in *Broken Trail*, Outstanding Lead Actress went to Helen Mirren for her role in *Prime Suspect*, Outstanding Reality Show went to *Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List*. It was no surprise that *The Sopra-*

nos managed to end the series with a final win in the Outstanding Drama Series category, defeating the well-loved *Grey’s Anatomy*. *The Sopranos* also won two standing ovations, as this will be their last appearance after ending their show in June. *30 Rock* snatched the Outstanding Comedy Series from *The Office*. America Ferrera, aka *Ugly Betty*, won Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy.

There were many more categories, some seemed made up that very night because they had extra trophies on hand. With so many categories, making the show longer than three hours, the reason why no one is watching the Emmys is probably simpler than we thought.

Government and AAA, deaths from aggressive driving are averaging around 1200 a year, and this is rising 6 percent every year. The Washington Beltway Study found that aggressive driving may be a factor in 50 percent of auto crashes. In a recent poll, results showed that motorists were more worried about road rage than about drunk driving. Road aggression cases are popping up everywhere. In Arizona, a man was shot to death, while his three year old son was strapped in the back seat, because he and other driver were competing in traffic. Also in Arizona, a 15 year old girl was gunned down after her friend tossed a soda can at a neighboring car. If you just look you can find thousands of cases, many ending in murder, of road rage.

So what is going on? Why are people getting so angry when people pass them on the road? What exactly is causing road rage? According to sources, many times it is just the driver’s ego and inability to let things go. Since road rage is now being recognized as a nationwide problem, there are many articles on how to counter road rage. Therapy sessions, instead of jail time, are prescribed by courts.

Here are some tips and advice to prevent road rage. Try not to cut people off; when you merge make sure there is enough room. Definitely do not tailgate other drivers. Do not make gestures at other cars, and avoid eye contact. If you sense that another driver is angry, try to steer clear of him, never try to duel it out.

If you believe you have road aggression, ask for help. As I mentioned previously, there are many courses to help you reduce the amount of anger you have on the road. There are also many self-help books. Don’t wait until it’s too late. Road rage is an serious problem; it is not an exaggerated topic; and it is not to be ignored.

Meet Me at the 310 Corral

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Three Ten to Yuma is a remake. Hold on, that is not to say it is a bad remake. The original from 1957 needed to be redone. Overall we have the good story, characters, acting, and special effects necessary for a good film. What we do not have is almost any kind of love story at all (finally!). That is not to say I hate love stories, but too many movies just have them duct-taped on to the rest of the plot.

My only complaint is that it was a very slow movie. One would need to wait awhile to re-watch this with any enjoyment. The fact that it is slow does make for a better movie though, in that it makes you feel like it is really taking a long time for everything to happen. Hyper people would

go crazy watching this (as I did). The setting was excellent. The film was set in old Arizona and Yuma was the location of a prison in the same state.

If my reader wants to know the plot, too bad, I refuse to spoil movies!

The two big names were, of course, the co-leading actors. If one were to ask, "Is this a good movie?" my immediate response would be, "Of course it was, Christian Bale was in it!" In all seriousness, I do believe that to be true, or at least I think that *his* performances even in bad movies have been good.

Russell Crowe stole the show from Christian Bale, however, which may surprise or upset some people. Possibly the most interesting thing about this film

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was the versatility that both the Australian (Crowe) and the Brit (Bale) showed as actors.

The last western movie that my friend and I could think of that was even worth remembering was *The Quick and the Dead* of the late

nineties. Russell Crowe played a goody good character (well, by the way). In contrast, Christian Bale plays a dark character even when he is the good guy, for Batman is a very dark hero. *Three Ten to Yuma* reversed this completely. We have Bale as an ultra-good-even-to-a-fault person, and Crowe as a scary bad, bad guy (in a good way). Just go see it! If you like good acting, violence, or Western movies, this one shall not disappoint.

Motion City Soundtrack: Even If It Kills Me

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Two years since the release of their breakthrough album *Commit This To Memory*, Motion City Soundtrack are back with their new disc *Even If It Kills Me*. Motion City Soundtrack have developed their trademark sound of 80's style keyboards, strong vocals, and power chords into one of the most anticipated albums of 2007. *Even If It Kills Me* is the modern story about heartbreak, soul-searching, and falling in love again with someone described as "...the pizza of my eye."

The album starts off with a burst of energy and the catchy tunes "Fell In Love With-

out You" and the single "This Is For Real." Ironically, the most upbeat tracks focus on the distress caused by a serious breakup. The synth-driven ride continues through several songs, although the album does become slow and thoughtful for "The Conversation," but picks up again with "Broken Heart." Ending on a solid note, the title track "Even If It Kills Me" wraps up all the loose

ends presented during the album's story, leaving the listener with an optimistic tone.

"This record is a great listen for a fans of pop-punk."

Justin Pierre, Motion City Soundtrack's lead singer and lyricist, has written songs that are easily accessible,

quirky and ironic, yet at the same time remain frantic and reflect on his own personal issues. This record is a great listen for a fans of pop-punk, yet it still reaches deep enough lyrically and musically to be enjoyable for connoisseurs of indie music.

Good Thrillers Near Extinction

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Zombies flow endlessly from the industrial storage container in the middle of the Nevada desert. One by one, they are dispatched by gun and kukri knife, the weapon of choice of the movie's genetically-enhanced heroine, Alice.

This is the primary setting for the third installment, *Resident Evil: Extinction*. Hyperkinetic powers are commonplace in this video game/ big screen franchise, saving the movie from being a typical zombie horror movie. This installment again features the sexy Milla Jovovich as Alice.

Throughout the movie, she is seen trudging through the Nevada desert looking for survivors from the viral epidemic that has engulfed the world. On her journey, she joins a convoy whose plan becomes to reach a safe haven in Alaska. The way to Alaska has one catch: they must stop in Las Vegas for gas. Meanwhile, evil men in lab coats and sunglasses in a top secret underground research facility plot Alice's capture.

They believe that her blood can neutralize the virus, or create a mega-virus, resulting in super zombies. One of the selfish scientists bent on world domination eventually injects this mega-virus into his bloodstream.

The movie is characterized by several fight scenes that add a little merit to the plot. The whole idea of a

mad scientist obsessed with world domination and controlling zombies is cliché and very overdone.

Many sequences in the plot borrow aspects from other movies.

The way a zombie is created and killed is redundant between this and past movies. The original zombie movie, *Night of the Living Dead*, scared

most people in their sleep. Zombie movies in present times (especially this one) are just a way to let some laughter loose. The selfish scientist, Dr. Isaacs, becomes a mega-zombie by the end of the movie.

The ending is cliché, just like the rest of the movie, and involves the heroine triumphing over the malevolent scientist in a one-on-one battle. This final battle is short and not very impressive.

Isaacs' death is brief and painful, and then it jumps to Tokyo where the other men have congregated in yet

another top secret underground fortress, with zombies engulfing the city. Alice uses a communication device to speak with the evil scientists.

The ending is a cliff hanger that easily predicts the plot of the next movie. This movie is definitely not a must see, wait until it's on DVD or have one of your friends buy you a ticket.

If you honestly want to go see it that much, be my guest. If you're a person who loves cliché zombie movies, maniacal scientists, and Milla Jovovich, this movie might be for you.



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~ Sara Post, Copy Editor

Volleyball

Melinda Bartel
Staff Writer

Last Saturday night the varsity volleyball team lost to the University of Nebraska Kearny in 3 games (16-30, 21-30, 17-30). Kaity Edmiston led the way for the Orediggers with 10 kills. Elizabeth Sierra-Hsu and Emily Collett also had good games with 10 digs and 21 assists respectively. This loss put Mines 4-11 overall and 1-5 in RMAC. UNK (13-3 overall and 5-1 RMAC) hit .362 at the net compared to the Oredigger's .043. Coach Shelly Johnson said she still has a lot of hope for the team because they are so young. At the beginning of the season they had 2 seniors and 1 junior. Due to injuries, only one senior is able to play. Mines will host Fort Hays State University this Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 PM in the Lockridge Arena. They are also hosting Mesa State this coming Thursday (September 27th) and Fort Lewis on Saturday (September 29th). The season continues until mid November and ends with the NCAA II Elite Eight on November 29th. For more information on the volleyball team, visit <http://athletics.mines.edu/Sports/Volleyball/index.htm>.

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CSM Rugby Rocking

Melinda Bartel
Staff Writer

Mines' rugby team is the oldest club sport on campus and, this year, they are making a name for themselves. Last Saturday they beat Western State 68-12. The highlights of the season thus far include beating top-20 nationally-ranked University of Colorado 15-13 and playing with Mexican criminals in a tournament in Aspen two weekends ago. Some contribute their success to the fact that the team has almost doubled in size since last year. They now have roughly 35 players. Many team freshman played in high school, and the experience helps. Also, a lot of the guys played football in high school, which is great preparation. Sophomore twins

Victor and Vince Mazzarella said they switched from football to rugby when they came to Mines because "It's more relaxed and the guys are cool". The year is divided into 2 seasons of conference play. The fall season goes until the end of October and ends with the regional playoffs. There is also a spring season. Last year, Mines Rugby placed 3rd in Regionals, which is the best they have ever done. This year, they hope to win. The team practices 6 hours a week and there are no try outs, so anyone is welcome. The team plays Metro State next Sunday, September 30th. There next home game is against Mesa State on Sunday, October 7th. For more information on the team, visit their website at <http://www.minesrugby.com/home/>.

Rockies Get To It

Matthew Pusard
Staff Writer

In January, Todd Helton almost became a member of one of the best franchises in all of baseball: the Boston Red Sox. The Rockies and the Sox were in talks about trading the 5-time All Star first baseman who is #5 all time career On Base Percentage, but the talks fell through when it became apparent to the Rockies that they would not get enough in return for him. Since then, Helton has established that he will enact his no-trade clause if they attempt to trade him again. Such loyalty to a team is rare in this era of free agency, especially to a team that has not enjoyed much success, having only one winning season and no playoff appearances in his decade-long tenure, but Helton decided to stay anyway. It appears his loyalty may have been rewarded. The Rockies are finally playing meaningful games in September again. The team is poised to shatter the franchise record for wins in a season (83) and has an outside shot of returning to the playoffs for the first time since 1995 when they became the first National League Wild Card team. This is in spite of the fact that expectations for the team were as low as ever going into this season. A losing culture within a clubhouse is hard to break and there was no real reason to believe that this club would be any different. While the team looked dull on paper, there is a reason they win the games. Last Tuesday, the Rockies played a doubleheader against their division and wild card rivals Los Angeles Dodgers. The Rockies were playing for their playoff lives. After an inconvenient three game losing streak over the weekend, the Rockies needed to win both to remain in the race. After a 3-1 win in the first game, the Rockies were playing from behind for most of the later game. Down 8-7 in the bottom of the ninth with 2 outs and 1 runner on, Todd Helton came up big with a 418-foot walk-off home run. He'd never before had a situation like this in a game this critical to the team, but Helton made the most of it after a decade of toiling with a bad team. As he rounded third and headed home after the hit, Helton threw his helmet into the air and was mobbed by his giddy teammates. "It's one of my favorite moments ever," said teammate Matt Holliday of the hit. "It's something I will remember for the rest of my life." Helton has been the face of this franchise for years, remaining the only constant on an ever changing roster. It was only fitting that he was able to come up big for the team in this moment. But Helton no longer has to try to carry the team on his back alone. The young players the Rockies have nurtured from their farm system have finally turned into stars. Most notably, the Rockies

have Holliday, a left fielder who has put up MVP-caliber numbers this season for the team and has quite possibly been the best hitter in the National league this season. He has also come up strong in September when the Rockies needed him most. As of September 21st, he had hit 10 home runs in 12 games, keeping the team within striking distance in its most critical games. The Rockies also have Brad Hawpe, a right fielder with a penchant for hitting home runs in bunches, as shown by his hitting game deciding home runs on consecutive nights on Thursday and Friday. Colorado finally has an ace pitcher as well in Jeff Francis, one of Canada's finest, who is threatening to break the club record for wins in a season (17). Add in a bullpen solidified by 3-time All Star reliever Brian Fuentes and stingy closer Manny Corpas and the Rockies seem to have the talent to compete at last. This squad has not lost a game since Helton's dramatic home run, as of September 21st. However, they have still faced quite a bit of adversity this season. The team's pitching rotation has been a disaster. 3 of their 5 starting pitchers (Aaron Cook, Jason Hirsh, and Rodrigo Lopez) are lost for the season because of injury. In their stead, the Rockies were forced to promote unproven rookies from the minor leagues to fill in the holes in their rotation. Normally, this would be a death sentence for a team's playoff hopes, but pitchers Ubaldo Jimenez, Elmer Dessens, and Franklin Morales have held their own and even improved the Rockies' chances. Speedy second baseman Kazuo Matsui and centerfielder Willy Taveras have also been struck by the injury bug this September, but this too has not derailed the Rockies. As of Friday, the Rockies were 3.5 games behind the San Diego Padres for the wild card with only 8 games left in the season. However, they have a measure of control in their playoff fates as they faced the Padres this weekend. By the end of this week, they may have eliminated any reasonable hope of attending the postseason or they may have pulled within a scant 1.5 game deficit. Either way, the Rockies appear to have kicked a losing culture. No longer are they the pushover of the National League in a nice, hitter-friendly ballpark. They remained in the playoff race far longer than the defending World Series champions, the St. Louis Cardinals. They are competitive and with a wealth of young players on the roster and in the minor leagues waiting to be promoted, it is reasonable to believe that they may only improve in the next few seasons. It's almost like good karma is coming back to Helton for his loyalty to Denver. After too many years of sub-par Rockies baseball, Helton is playing games that matter going into the last week of the season and he and the rest of the team are making the most of it.

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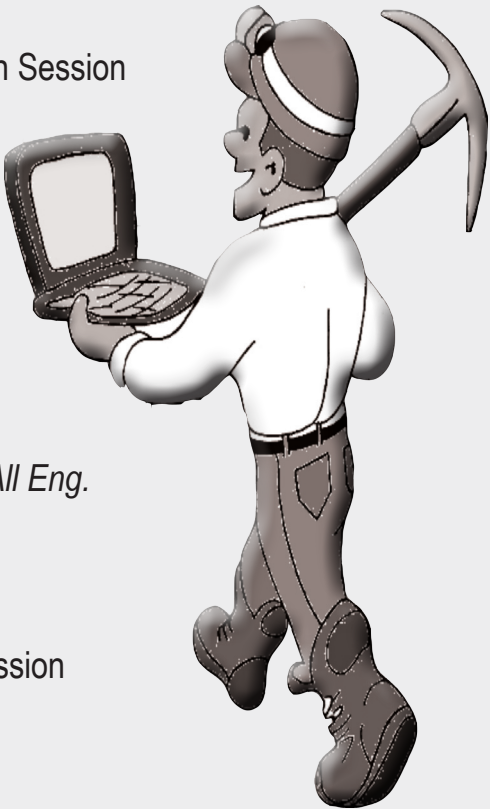
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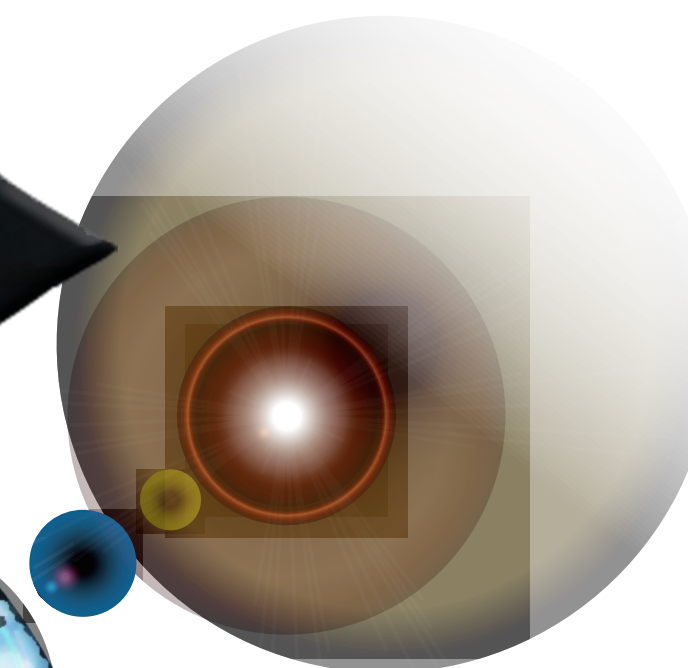
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Many arguments can be made that this is the case in both the Democratic and Republican parties. The Democratic Party has long been under the influence of radicals such as MoveOn.org and Cindy Sheehan. The Republican Party is currently under the control

The President's Committee on Diversity defines the subject as a "culture of respect ...welcoming different perspectives, backgrounds and life experiences." Diversity is not only about ethnicity but also recognizing the individual character-

real learning experience for all involved here is that we no longer need to sit idle, wondering why modern American politics are so callous and uncompromising. Debate on a college campus, the proverbial bastion of free speech, is no longer tolerated.

"When faced with adverse opinions [diversity leaders on campus] should not attempt to demean the messenger, but embrace the diversity of discussion."

Editor's Response to Debate

Zach Aman
Editor-in-Chief

I thought an era in which the voice of the minority was silenced

Whether dissent is expressed in print media, blogs, or otherwise, we must always be cognizant of the fact that individuals understand and interpret facts differently. A true belief in diversity constitutes a willingness to allow the opinions of others regardless of whether or not we believe in them ourselves.

Andrew Aschenbrenner
Editorials Editor

The polls mentioned are for the Democratic primaries, and therefore include mostly regis-

One of the main problems with the Democratic Party is that there are too many warring factions making up their base. This has the side effect of making most of their candidates look squirmy. They try to please everybody without making anybody angry. Here's a novel idea: stand for what

This comes from the feeling that the war in Iraq is the most important issue facing our country. It is not. Obviously, it is an important issue, but it should not require the scrambling and poll-checking and posturing that the Democrat-controlled Congress has engaged in. Making the mistake of putting the priorities of one faction of the party ahead of the priorities of the nation is one that Democrats cannot afford.

Independent voters by na-

What unions, the anti-war and anti-gun lobbies and even environmentalist groups would love is for the Democrats to roll over and beg for

The political middle in America can be dangerous. Both Republicans and Democrats have referred to it as the middle of the road, as if that is where the road kill lies. Despite this view, the fact is that the middle of the road is bigger than the gutters. If leading in moderation means dodging traffic, then politicians better be on their toes. When you stand in the middle of the road, you don't fall asleep. You also can see the whole spectrum. If you lie in the gutter, you only know your own filth.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
I agree with William Everson....
I agree with the opinion of Mr. William Everson... that diversity has a price and that it is an important subject. I agree with the title, the rest of his opinion is addressed below.

Most people who aren't involved in MEP probably don't know the following facts:

1) MEP is open for anyone to join of any ethnicity including Caucasians. Yes, we do have Caucasian males as members.

2) One of the 4 student groups that MEP supports had a Caucasian male as its president and he did a great job

3) MEP has no quotas to follow

4) Our mission is to be inclusive, not exclusive. Students choose to exclude themselves or not.

In the opinion, there was a subtle implication that CSM is lowering the admission standards for minorities. I can confirm that there is only one admission's window for all students. Mines has set a bar of 110 index (cross reference table between GPA/class rank and standardized test scores). More than 97% of the entering freshmen met this criterion. CSM would not admit a student if they thought that the student couldn't succeed here.

If one compares a football team's math skills to another football team's math skills and calls that diversity, then the issue of diversity is truly skin deep for that person. Diversity is much more than just numbers. Diversity encompasses culture, economic class, 1st generation college bound and other factors. To look at numbers only is truly narrowing your mind.

Diversity is a two way street. Human diversity is inter-facing. If you have ever had an international friend, then you would know that you learn more about the other person than they learn about you because the US culture is more pervasive. The predominant group, whether ethnic or national, would stand to gain more in the relationship, if they only choose to do the inter-facing.

I would say to students such as Mr. Everson, whom I have not met, that you would gain more if you expand your group of friends beyond someone similar to yourself. College is about expanding your knowledge. You short change yourself if you do not expand your knowledge beyond your technical education. You are paying for your education, so you should maximize your benefits.

Diversity does not end at racial diversity, but it starts there given America's history and current situation (Jena 6). Race relationship is an important subject as Mr. Everson's opinion states. If you have never had to deal with race relations, then MEP is a good place to start. The world that you will enter after Mines will not look anything like Mines, ethnic or otherwise. So prepare yourself for the real world with not only technical expertise, but human relations experience.

There has always been an open invitation for anyone including Mr. Everson to join MEP (It has always been our policy since inception) and LEARN about what we do and who we are. Based on Mr. Everson's opinion, I see no resemblance to what MEP represents. Yes, I advise all students who walk into my office, even Caucasian males and there have been many.

As an alumnus, I understand that a student's time is valuable. When looking at things that have the word minority on it, a student might stop at the word minority and ignore whatever follows it. It is probably based on not having enough time and believing that whatever the minority event/topic does not apply to them. I would say to those students that this is an opportunity to broaden your college experience. The minority experience might just benefit you if you choose to be open-minded.

A true story: A CSM alumnus (John, not his real name) who attained a high position at a company was negotiating a very large contract. Across the negotiation table was another CSM alumnus, Moe (not his real name). John knew Moe from being in the same class, but did not interact with Moe and did not take the "opportunity" to get to know Moe during his time here because Moe was from a different culture. I forgot to ask John if he got the contract or not, but John said to me, "One of my major regret from Mines is that I did not try to know Moe better. I had every opportunity to do it." John said he would have been more successful at his job overall if he took the time to learn from Moe. For John, the price was not paid up front but had negative ramifications many years later.

I am going to paraphrase an old Vietnamese idiom... A blind man can claim that the elephant is pink and he would be right in his reality.

With open arms,
Khanh Vu
MEP Director
Alumnus, 1993 CEPR

Dear Editor,
Petition for a new club:
Let's start a "Caucasian Male Advancement Club". Calling it the Caucasian Club – Uber-Men maybe too offensive, so we should call it the Order instead. This name should confuse the ignorant few.

As part of the drive for this new club, we should automatically sign up the 60%+ of the student body. We will conscript them whether they want to or not. We can be the largest student group in the country. That will blow SWE's nationally 3rd-ranked status out of the water.

We could branch out to have a physical activities group call Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden. We will need an advisor; maybe Imus would be free since he isn't doing anything right now.

We can solicit donations from companies too. But it might be limited to companies who only have operations in the backwaters of the United States, old time Germany and work with Boers. We probably couldn't get donations from any Fortune 500 companies because they are all too politically correct and not too economically smart to recognize the true asset of an organization that looks the same, marches the same and salutes the same.

Aahh... what A Beautiful Life! An Old Miner... oohh my memory must be fading, this club already exists since the inception of Mines.

-Anonymous

Dear Editor,
In regards to the "Diversity at a Price" editorial, The sentiment of paying for

dues and fees for services that you will never take advantage of is certainly an argument that would likely garner the popular opinion of most students on any college campus, not just Mines. Indeed, who wants to pay extra money for things you may not even be interested in? As a non-wealthy college student myself, I can understand this point of view very easily.

However, the author tries to take on a rather complex issue with a small (inadequately sized) article and poor logical arguments that venture into the realm of hypocrisy. He mentions that 22% of the student population is female, "easily the most underrepresented minority group on campus," and later on he questions the money allocated to minority-based programs. I hope I'm not the only one who sees a blatant issue of hypocrisy regarding this. Using his same logic, I should be able to conclude that since most male students aren't taking advantage of female oriented programs like SWE, we shouldn't have to pay for it. Right? Oh wait. Is the author implicitly saying that he'd rather there not be women or programs to encourage more women to attend Mines on campus? I hope not, but on the same token, I'd hope the author isn't implying he'd rather there not be minorities on campus either.

We as students aren't the ones to directly decide how the budget for organizations should be allocated. In fact, many if not most of the major student programs out there pursue sponsors to help offset costs instead of relying solely on the school to fund it. In addition to this, MEP is open for all students to join, just as any male can join and participate in SWE activities. However, if you don't find a group that you want to be in, it is well within our ability to create interest groups and even receive school support if pursued through the proper channels. If the author created the Caucasian Males Advancement group mentioned in his article, I wouldn't object, I simply wouldn't be interested in it. In fact, the author is free to do it - he mentions the lack of it, but would he actually take the initiative to create it?

Why is it that a committee instead of the author is in charge of the budget and its allocation? Diversity. The idea that the author stomps on in his editorial is the precise reason why we don't let a single individual decide what is best for all students at Mines. I don't know the gender makeup, the ethnic makeup, or even the age makeup of the budget committee but I assure you that every additional person added to it has a unique perspective and will contribute it accordingly. Diversity is important - but not to say that "Mines does not discriminate"; rather, it is important because bringing in people from all walks of life "different race, gender, age, etc." is what makes this campus unique.

The author mentioned at the end of his article that, "CSM is diverse if you look more than skin deep," but if he believes this, why would he be upset that a small portion of his fees are being used to promote diversity in all forms?

-Jeff Park

Costly Reform Healthcare Decisions Weigh Heavily

William Everson
Staff Writer

The American healthcare system is in shambles. Medical care costs are soaring. Greedy drug companies are gouging the poor and sick.

The uninsured run rampant, staying alive by feeding off of "free" emergency room visits. In doing so, they raise everyone else's healthcare costs as parasites on the system. But they are also people, and need to be provided with the God-given right of free or inexpensive health care.

At least, this is what the politicians on both sides of the aisle would like you to believe. The truth, however, is somewhat less extreme. Yes, it is true that healthcare costs are at an all-time high. In America last year, we spent about 2.2 trillion dollars on health care alone (according to New Mexico Governor and would-be Democratic Presidential candidate Bill Richardson). This means that Americans spent about 7,000 dollars per capita on health care, or about 16 percent of our annual income. This is quite a pretty penny; but is it excessively high? No.

In comparison, we spend consistently more on transportation than we do on health care each year (according the Bureau of Labor Statistics). This means we spend more money each year on swanky new autos than we do on keeping ourselves healthy (probably the most important thing we can spend our hard-earned dollars on); this does not seem excessive to me.

There were about 47 million uninsured people in the United States of America last year, making up about 16 percent of the population (according the Census Bureau). This may seem shocking, but just think how many people do not actually believe they need health insurance.

If you are a healthy, young individual (like most of you... hopefully), chances are you would rather spend 7,000 dollars on a brand spanking used car over health insurance that you probably will not use. Also, you already have healthcare coverage during statistically the most-dangerous activity you embark in: driving (that is if you own a car). "Young people" (age 20-39) make up about 29 percent of the population. So, why is being uninsured in this relatively healthy demographic a bad thing? The answer: it is not a bad thing (seriously though, if you can afford it, go and get health insurance when you graduate; you just might need it). This means that yes, there are uninsured individuals in America, but the plight of the uninsured is not as bad as it seems.

In reaction to these less-than-ideal (but certainly not terrible) conditions in our healthcare system, parties on both sides of the aisle are attributing these small healthcare fallacies on many different underlying "problems," and both parties

believe they have policies that will rectify the situation.

First, the Democratic side to the story. In watching the 2008 Democratic primary debates, there was definitely much unanimity on the subject of healthcare reform. The Democrats believe that drug companies and health insurance providers are the primary culprits for the fairly high prices and moderate number of uninsured individuals in the country. Senator Joe Biden said it best: We must "take on [the] insurance agencies."

Their solutions also showed much unanimity. They believe that health insurance should be mandated to all citizens of the USA using either public or private health insurance plans. A popular proposal to insure the uninsured is to spend 90-120 billion dollars a year (remember we spend 2.2 trillion on healthcare every year; 120 billion only amounts to 5 percent of total spending on healthcare, being relatively meaningless) to provide a governmental healthcare package to anyone who wants it. In addition, everyone in America would be required to have health insurance.

In order to fund these programs, the Democrats have recommended raising taxes, growing the economy, cutting war spending, removing paper forms from doctors' offices, and/or ending the bureaucracy in the healthcare system. All these funding methods are completely and utterly impractical. Raising taxes is never good. Variable economic growth (and eventually decline) is not a valid method to fund a fixed spending program. The cutting of war spending will never get the votes it needs in Congress. Mandated removal of paper forms from doctors' offices would be more trouble than it would be worth. Finally, creating a new bureaucracy that will be efficient is an oxymoron.

Things on the other side of the aisle are brighter, if not blurrier. Republicans agree that the healthcare system needs fixing, but their policies to fix it are lacking specifics. Mitt Romney sums up the Republican stance on healthcare reform best: "Health insurance [for] all Americans, through market reforms." Though sound in theory and a much better approach than creating a government healthcare system, how the Republicans plan to implement these "market reforms" is anyone's bet. All we can do is hope for the best.

Yes, there are some problems with the healthcare industry. Are they catastrophic? No. Do the Democrats or Republicans have the answers to solving these issues? No, and neither do I. What I do know is that many of you are still saying, "I am a healthy college student with no permanent medical issues. Why should I care about what is happening to the healthcare system?" The answer: once you get out of CSM and get a job, you will be the one paying for the healthcare decisions that are made today.

Fool's Gold

"Aged since 1987"

Campus Rivalries
Greg Smith
Chief Schoolographer

Detroit Lakes High School in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota is one of the up and coming movers and shakers in the engineering community. The Princeton Review has since rated DLHS a staggering 511 places behind MIT in all-around Physics and Engineering (which is 512 places behind CSM for those of you keeping track,) and it seems that the secondary school has their sights set on Mines. "Colorado School of *Mimes*?" laughs Principle Steve Morben at his ingenious, original joke. "What are they, like number two Petroleum Engineering School in the world? They could do better if you ask me."

The school has recently begun a number of initiatives to shift their focus from its relatively "candy-ass" liberal arts curriculum to the more technical side of the spectrum. Some of these new programs include but are not limited to: "Neon Sign Production 101," "Principles of Grocery Bag Engineering," "Advanced Arc/TIG Welding," "Marine Outboard Motor Repair," and "Fluid Mechanics II."

"We actually had a student attend that tech school in Colorado. He graduated last year. Greg I think his name was. Greatest mind to ever walk out of these doors. I thought he would be someone, make something of himself, but instead, he's at School of Mines."

Detroit Lakes High School hopes to be among the top engineering schools in the country by 2012, but we'll all be dead by then anyway.

Ode to a Friend
Mike Stone

Zackary Mills is one of the coolest guys I know. His rugged good looks are only matched by his shredding abilities on guitar. Unfortunately, he's a little slow... on the Rugby pitch.

Zack made a big tackle on Sunday vs. Western State and fell as another player landed on top of his ankle. Before he got up, he noticed his foot was dislocated off to the side. Fortunately for Zack and unfortunately for the reader, he popped his ankle back into place and played the rest of the game leading Mines to a 68-12 victory. After hunting four hours the next day, it was the size of a watermelon.

As a friend, I finally convinced him to get it X-Rayed and he got ice cream for being a good boy.

Ladies, if you should see Zack walking around campus with his "man crutches" and "Bad-Boy brace," simply stop him and say, "I'm so glad you got the X-Ray, and I can't wait until you're 100%." After that, you can walk away or give him your number. You're welcome, buddy.

Five Things They Don't Tell You About Abroad
Oliver Todd
Abroad and in charge

Studying abroad is a great experience. Where else can you get credit for traveling, partying, and occasionally going to class? Regardless, it is not as cut and dry as it seems. There are a lot of things that your school will never prepare you for or things that they won't tell you. Being the world traveler that I am, I decided to share five things that everyone should know before they study abroad.

1. **US airline carriers stink for international flight**
Most US airlines are fine but are absolutely horrible for more than three hours. I flew Lufthansa (a German airline) to Europe and it was delightful. As soon as I sat down they gave me hot towels (something I thought was reserved for the snobs in first class), my own TV screen, soft fleece blankets, and most importantly -- alcohol. I'm not afraid of flying by any means, but booze makes the nine hour trek across the Atlantic with a 70-year old woman asking you to operate her Ipod every 20 minutes much more bearable. The attendants periodically walk up with wine and beer, looking at you oddly if you decline their offer (regardless of your age). By the time the second movie started, I was hoping to take the door off of the bathroom and lay it on the seats, so I could show Grandma how to play Beer Pong.
2. **It is cheaper to be drunk than hydrated**
Blame it on the exchange rate or the fact that the alcohol gods love the world more than Americans, but booze is two things here: abundant and cheap. So far, I have been able to find booze at movie theaters, metro stations, and literally 50 yards from a children's playground. At each one of those places, beer costs as much as a bottle of water. Take a second to let that sink in. A half liter of good beer is about 50 cents cheaper than a half liter of water. By this logic, I can justify my drunken antics as a budgetary measure rather than an immature cry for attention from my parents.
3. **If you travel by train, you will have a scary experience**
One of the best things about being abroad is like the beer, travel is cheap, and especially by train. It is pretty easy to understand the train system, but everyone I've ever met has some crazy story that involves the threat of being thrown off in a random Central European town that looks like the setting of "Hostel III: The Musical." My story involves an Ipod, a set of speakers, a drunk roommate, the song "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey, one mad train conductor, and a very distinct language barrier. (I knew how to say "Yes," "No," "Beer," "Thank You," and "Cucumber") It made for a tense couple of minutes. Luckily, we got out of trouble by paying a small fine. A word to the wise: letting your inebriated roommate blast his "Old School S****" play list is a bad idea, regardless of location.
4. **There is no such thing as a language barrier when it comes to Chinese food**
I love Chinese food. That's why I'm glad Chinese food is popular in Europe. Not only that, but every waiter I've met at Chinese restaurants in Europe speaks perfect English. I've had Chinese food in at least five different countries and they all offer better service than waiters in the U.S. I really think it's part of some Chinese communist plot to plant sleeper cells in all these countries that will rise up against us all when the signal is given. The sad thing is, as long as I keep getting crab cheese wantons with my meal, I'm ok with it.
5. **Regardless of proximity to Greece, most Europeans don't understand a "toga party"**
My friends and I had a movie night that centered on "college." This, of course, led to a viewing of "Animal House". After watching, we all wrapped our bed sheets over our shoulders for a decent toga party in the comfort of our apartment. Next, we traveled to a cool rooftop bar a couple of blocks away. While most people changed into street clothes, a few of us decided it would be a good idea to keep the toga party going. Our logic: "We are in Europe. We are closer to Greece. Toga parties are cool in the U.S. They must be super cool here." This was apparently not true. The bouncers were not so happy with our attire choice. We were trying to explain our choice armed only with the words "Yes," "No," "Beer," "Thank You," and "Cucumber" in our vocabularies. After a long and arduous discussion, we got in and had a good time with the exception of the long (and cold) walk home at three in the morning... alone. (Not great for getting numbers) But on a positive note, I discovered that prostitutes don't solicit if you are wearing less clothing than they are.

When you too, go abroad for a semester of fun, be sure to keep these in mind. Trust me: they will come in handy.



Take
Your
Best
Shot

OJ Simpson

OJ always needs a catchy slogan for when he goes to trial.
How about, "If Cochran's not there, you must despair?"
-Matt Pusard

"If the Sports Memorabilia Does not Fit, You Must Acquit!" -Adam Freeland

"The glove and knife were mine, and I wanted them back," claimed Juice.
-Mike Stone

Mad Mines-You become the reporter!



Colorado School of Mines Professor **Proper Noun** made the **Noun** department shocked when he was caught **Infinitive** another teacher's **Noun**. Witness say he **Past Tense Verb** it for **Number** hours. As he finished he screamed, "I am the fairy god **Noun** !!! All bow to my electronic **Noun** in all its glory!!!" Right as he **Past Tense Verb** out the window, **Onomatopoeia** !!! Police slapped the cuffs on him and took him to the **Location** for questioning. When asked why he did it, he replied, "I **Verb 1** and I **Verb 1** everyday and I'm tired of it. Why not?" The suspect's friend, **Proper Noun**, bailed him out claiming, "He's a **Adjective** guy. Lay off." -Mike Stone

Student Dies of Homework Overdose

“Oh Crap,” says Random Guy off the Street, “Proof that Nunavut actually exists”.

Matthew Pusard
International Correspondent

History was made last Thursday when a student at the Community College of Nunavut died of acute homework poisoning. The student collapsed while writing a 46 page paper for his History of Alternative Rock 101 course. Patrick F. N. Snow, 20, was comparing the re-union of the Smashing Pumpkins to the second coming of Jesus when he suddenly collapsed to his keyboard. His roommate quickly called 911 and Snow was rushed to the hospital.

After extracting the “g” key from Snow’s nasal passage, doctors at the Frozen Mallard Medical Center ran a toxicology screen and a wallet test. While the wallet came back negative for currency, the tox screen showed that his immune system was being overrun by information packets. His blood-info-packet content was 6 times the legal limit. Patrick was immediately shown reruns of Jerry Springer and reality television, but Snow succumbed to his illness at 7:43 PM that night.

“It looks like someone has a case of the dead-sicles,” proclaimed his physician, Dr. Turk Turkleton, before officially pronouncing Snow dead.

The death overseas has impacted schools in the United States already. The federal government has declared a moratorium on any and all assignments outside of classes and it is believed that President George W. Bush will create the new position of Homework Security Advisor in his cabinet to monitor homework over-saturation. A five color alert system has been devised with blue for “kindergarten homework” and red for “Haha, you’re not going to get any sleep tonight!” If the system were

in place today, the level would be orange for “Poor schmucks.”

CSM is expected to be greatly affected by this homework scare. In some of the school’s classes, such as Calculus II and NHV, a homework alternative has already been approved. Instead of giving out plentiful assignments, every 5th student will simply be bludgeoned with his own shoes. Students fear-

ing bludgeoning are recommended to come to class in crocs or without shoes.

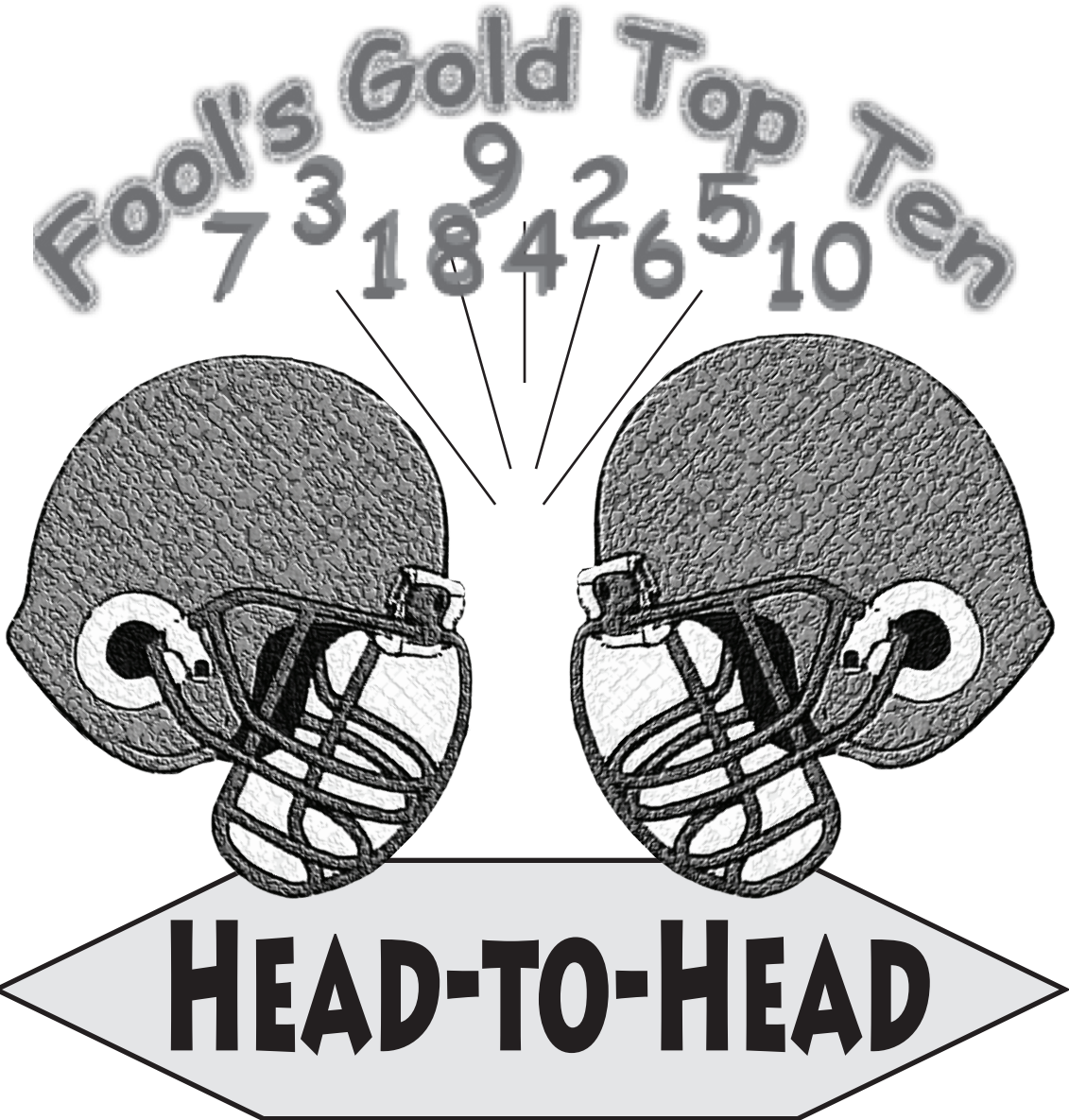
While there is some concern that less homework will lead to less understanding of

course material, recent studies show the average Mines student doesn’t understand what they just learned even after graduation. They only know they had the hardest time trying to get to that point of “know nothing-ness.”

Coors Brewing Company is also in a panic about the homework decrease. Since CSM has comprised 82% of their sales in recent years, without homework, there will be no demand for beer. This drop in demand might leave the company teetering on the brink of bankruptcy.

In response to Nunavut, Canada has allowed homework to remain legal, with certain restrictions. To counteract the negative effects, every student is required to watch six hours of hockey a week and frequently listen to the music of the nation’s most sacred rock band, Our Lady Peace.

With experts questioning the diagnosis, Dr. Turkleton rebutted, “Homework poisoning does too exist.” He continued, “While I can respect my colleagues challenging my accurate cause of death, ultimately, it was either the homework or the massive quantities of marijuana in his system. The most likely case is the homework.”



TOP 10 WHY THE HALL OF JUSTICE IS STILL STANDING

10. To befuddle freshmen who don’t know what HOJ is
9. HOJ? Is there a vaccine for that?
8. There are too many parking spaces on campus
7. The 1960’s produced the best looking architecture style
6. The Rec. Center I never go to cost too much
5. The explosives club hasn’t submitted its demolition proposal yet
4. The board of trustees has their monthly secret society meeting on the top floor
3. “Asbestos” is a fun word to say
2. Hall of Justice? Guggenheim is WAY older!
1. To convince students and parents that Superman lives in Golden

Tim Weilert

10. It is cheaper to build a building over it, on stilts, than to tear down
9. All of the school’s explosives resources are at Edgar Mine
8. Demolition would collapse the school’s underground tunnel network
7. New target for the E-days trebuchet contest
6. Located on ancient Indian Burial Grounds
5. Inbound pilots use it as a navigational beacon for DIA
4. It covers a Cold War secret missile silo
3. No one knows who owns the Hall of Justice
2. Bob Francisco’s office is on the 8th floor
1. It is an orphanage for survivors of the accidental Rec. Center demolition

Adam Freeland

Independence For ALL! Fruitstan is FREE!!!



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Adam Freeland
Fruit Enthusiast

The Civil war that has raged in northern Kazakhstan has finally come to an end as the UN officially recognized the People’s Mar- ket Republic of Fruitstan. The war started 5 months ago along side protests of the internationally ac- claimed documentary *An Incontinent Truth Bo- rat*. After being moved by the plight of the people of Northern Kazakhstan, many helped in lead-

ing the charge towards freedom. The winning political push came during the “Save Fruitstan, Save the World” campaign which has raised \$457 million more than the “Save Darfur” effort. The campaign,

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unlike the Darfur effort, has been successful due to economical convenience: a safe place for all travelers to stop and get cheap fresh fruit when cross- ing the Asia full

of Stans. W a r has raged in the area and has left virtually all persons under age 45 dead. The mean age in Fruitstan is now 48. Fallout from the nuclear climax of the war left the entire country sterile, but the fruit ripe and delicious. It is estimated that the there will be no one left in Fruitstan by December 2012. This is oddly ironic as all surviving Mayans were re- located to Fruitstan just over seven years ago. There is victory now, but Fruitstan will find its place in history books much sooner than later.



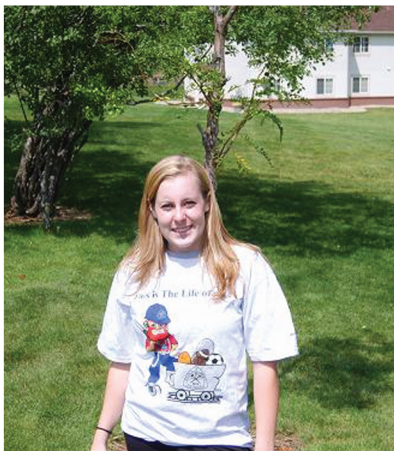
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DEADLINES

TUES 9/25 - VOLLEYBALL
THURS 9/27 - 3VS3 BASKETBALL
THURS 10/4 - CROSS COUNTRY
THURS 10/18 - BOWLING (\$5 PER
PERSON; FOUR PER TEAM)
THURS 10/18 TABLE TENNIS SINGLES

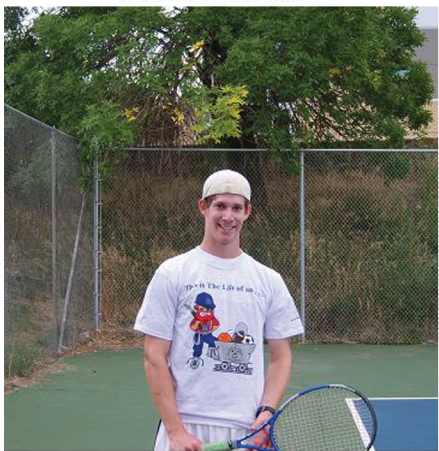
RECENT CHAMPS



Men's Disc Golf Champ
Scott Clawson



Women's Disc Golf Champ
Kristianna Koelmel



Men's Tennis Singles Champ
Ryan Merriion



Men's Wiffleball Champs
Braun Recluse

FITNESS CLASSES

FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
12:05-12:50pm Super Step Cardio	12:05-12:50pm Mind & Body Yoga	12:05-12:50pm Aerobic Dance	12:05-12:50pm Simply Ballistic	12:05-12:50pm Killer Kickboxing
6:30-7:30pm Body Toning Boot-Camp	6:30-7:30pm Body Sculpting	6:30-7:45pm Mind & Body Yoga	6:30-7:10pm Aerobic Dance	

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- +YOGA PUNCH CARDS ARE \$50 AND ARE GOOD FOR 10 YOGA CLASSES.

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SUPERVISOR OF THE MONTH



CONGRATULATIONS TYLER CYPHER!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

RUGBY (M) 7 OCT AT NOON (IM FIELDS)

RESULTS

MEN'S RUGBY **BEAT** WESTERN STATE
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